

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 - 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The digital camera of Claim 4, wherein~~A digital camera comprising:
an imaging unit operable to generate an image by photographing an object;
a receiving unit operable to receive first information and second information relating to
image processing from one or more transmission devices, wherein the second information
indicates image modification corresponding to the object;
a judging unit operable to judge whether the image is (i) to be output, (ii) to be processed
and output, or (iii) not to be output, based on the information received by the receiving unit; and
an output unit operable to, in accordance with the judgment made by the judging unit, (i)
output the image to a memory, (ii) process and output the image to the memory, or (iii) discard
the image, the memory being readable by the digital camera or an external device,
wherein the receiving unit receives the first information from a first transmission device,
and receives the second information from a second transmission device,
wherein the judging unit makes the judgment based on the first information,
wherein if the judging unit judges that the image is to be processed and output, the output
unit performs the image modification indicated by the second information on the image, and
outputs the modified image to the memory,
wherein the output unit performs the image modification to make the modified image
visually distinguishable from the image before the image modification,
wherein the first information includes information indicating image modification,
wherein, when the receiving unit receives the second information, the judging unit
examines whether the receiving unit has received the first information, and
wherein, if the receiving unit has received the first information, the judging unit judges
that the image is to be processed and output, and the output unit performs the image modification
indicated by the first information on the image, in addition to the image modification indicated
by the second information.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The digital camera of Claim 3, wherein~~ A digital camera comprising:

an imaging unit operable to generate an image by photographing an object;

a receiving unit operable to receive first information and second information relating to image processing from one or more transmission devices, wherein the second information indicates image modification corresponding to the object;

a judging unit operable to judge whether the image is (i) to be output, (ii) to be processed and output, or (iii) not to be output, based on the information received by the receiving unit; and

an output unit operable to, in accordance with the judgment made by the judging unit, (i) output the image to a memory, (ii) process and output the image to the memory, or (iii) discard the image, the memory being readable by the digital camera or an external device,

wherein the receiving unit receives the first information from a first transmission device, and receives the second information from a second transmission device,

wherein the judging unit makes the judgment based on the first information,

wherein if the judging unit judges that the image is to be processed and output, the output unit performs the image modification indicated by the second information on the image, and outputs the modified image to the memory,

wherein the first transmission device is a gate which prestores the first information, and through which a user carrying the digital camera passes, and

wherein the second transmission device is an IC tag which prestores the second information, and which is attached to, hung around, or provided near the object.

10. (Previously Presented) The digital camera of Claim 9, further comprising:

a driving unit operable to, when detecting that a shutter release button included in the digital camera is pressed down, cause the imaging unit and the receiving unit to operate concurrently.

11. (Previously Presented) The digital camera of Claim 10, wherein

the digital camera is operable to function as a mobile telephone for performing radio communication.

12-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) A digital camera system comprising a digital camera that photographs an object, a first transmission device that is attached to, hung around, or provided near the object, and a second transmission device,

wherein the digital camera includes:

an imaging unit operable to generate an image by photographing the object;

a receiving unit operable to receive first information, the first information indicating image processing corresponding to the object, from the first transmission device;

a judging unit operable to, based on the first information, judge whether the image is to be (i) output without being processed, (ii) processed and output, or (iii) not to be output; and

an output unit operable to, in accordance with the judgment made by the judging unit, (i) output the image to a memory without processing, (ii) process and output the image to the memory, or (iii) discard the image, the memory being readable by the digital camera or an external device,

wherein the first transmission device includes:

a first storing unit which prestores the first information; and

a first transmission unit operable to transmit the first information to the digital camera,

wherein the second transmission device includes:

a second storing unit which prestores second information relating to image modification; and

a second transmission unit operable to transmit the second information to the digital camera,

wherein the receiving unit is further operable to receive the second information from the second transmission device when a user carrying the digital camera passes through the second transmission device, and

wherein when the judging unit judges that the image is to be processed and output, the output unit performs the image modification indicated by the second information on the image in addition to the image processing indicated by the first information, and then outputs the modified image to the memory.

21. (Previously Presented) The digital camera system of Claim 20, wherein

the digital camera is operable to function as a mobile telephone for performing radio communication.

22. (Previously Presented) The digital camera system of Claim 21, further including a terminal that generates a warning sound, the terminal being provided near the object, wherein

the digital camera sends a signal to the terminal concurrently with the generation of the image by the imaging unit, and

the terminal comprises:

a signal receiving unit operable to receive the signal from the digital camera; and

a sound generating unit operable to generate the warning sound, when the signal receiving unit receives the signal.

23-26. (Cancelled)